

**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000**  
**Public Law 106-393**  
**Title II Project Application**  
**Medford District Resource Advisory Committee**

**1. Project Number** (Assigned by federal unit): OR-118-09

**2. Project Name:** Cow Creek Byway Interpretive Project      **3. County:** Douglas  
**4. Project Sponsor:** Glendale RA, Medford District      **5. Date:** December 10, 2001  
**6. Sponsors Phone # :** 541-618-2475  
**7. Sponsor's E-mail:** kwetzel@or.blm.gov  
**8. Project Location** (attach project area map)

a. 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Cow Creek 1710030207  
b. 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): West Fork Cow Creek 1710030208

c. Legal Location:

Township <u>32S</u>	Range <u>6W</u>	Section(s) <u>31, 32</u>
Township <u>32S</u>	Range <u>7W</u>	Section(s) <u>34, 28, 20, 19</u>
Township <u>32S</u>	Range <u>8W</u>	Section(s) <u>12</u>
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d. BLM District Medford      e. BLM Resource Area Glendale  
f. National Forest \_\_\_\_\_      g. Forest Service District \_\_\_\_\_  
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? ☒ Yes    ☐ No

**9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:**

\*\* To establish natural resource interpretive and educational opportunities for the general public.  
\*\* To promote economic stimulus in the small rural communities along the Cow Creek Byway.  
\*\* To create natural resource education opportunities for public schools in science related curriculums.  
\*\* To foster new and innovative partnerships which are mutually beneficial.  
\*\* To promote natural resource steward-ship and enhancement within Cow Creek rural communities.

**10. Project Description:**

The Cow Creek Byway (a nationally designated Back Country Byway) offers an alternate route for travelers along I-5 by forming a loop that leaves and enters the freeway near Riddle and Glendale. The 45 mile, two lane paved roadway offers a look at a variety of magnificent natural resource settings while meandering alongside beautiful Cow Creek. Interpretive opportunities abound on this route including unique geological formations, rare flora and fauna of the region as well as historic O&C original railroad grade, trestle and tunnels whose' construction dates back to 1883. The history of the area is also deeply rooted in pre-historic native American existence and examples of the early gold mining era.

## Project Description Continued:

The Byway is co-located both on the Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management and the Medford District Bureau of Land Management Resource Areas. Both Districts have been working on the enhancing the opportunities along the Byway for many years. Multiple partnerships have already been formed in private and public sectors who have interest in the Byway and surrounding area.

The Roseburg District has already installed a Information Kiosk at the Riddle end of the Byway as well as created public day use facilities with restrooms and a recreational gold panning area in Cow Creek. The Medford District would like to continue the progression of this incredible interpretive opportunity through the installation of a Informational Kiosk at the Glendale end of the Byway, through the creation of three interpretive “turn-outs” alongside the Byway and Cow Creek, and the creation of natural resource/historic/and pre-historic brochures to be used by travelers and schools as self-guided tours of the area.

### 11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

☒ Yes   ☐ No   This project is coordinated with the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Department of Tourism, Douglas County, Glenbrook Nichol, City of Riddle, City of Glendale, Southern Pacific Railroad, and the Glendale Community Advisory Response Team.

### 12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☐ Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☒ **Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.** [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☐ Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☐ Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

### 13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☐ Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]  
Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- ☐ Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- ☐ Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- ☐ Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- ☐ Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]
- ☐ Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
- ☐ Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]
- ☐ Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
- ☐ Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
- ☐ Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
- ☐ Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]
- ☒ **Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]:**

**XX   To improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for Federal lands and the agencies that manage these lands.**

**XX   To implement, within the public sector, steward-ship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems .**

**14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes** [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

a. Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Total Miles: \_\_\_\_\_ 45 miles

c. No. Structures: \_\_\_\_\_ 4

**d. Estimated People Reached (for natural resource education): 5000+ people per year**

e. No. of Laborer Days: \_\_\_\_\_ 72

f. Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_ Economic benefits to small business located within the Riddle/Tri City and Glendale rural areas due to increased visitation by travelers and public/private schools in Douglas and Josephine counties.

**15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date** [Sec. 203(b)(2)]:

Begin Date: March 2002

End Date: August 2003 (or before)

**16. Target Species Benefitted:** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?** [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

The visiting public and local K-12th grade students will be encouraged to take the self-guided tour of the Byway, and through the use of the interpretive and educational Brochures, become more aware of their roles in the management of natural resources. Schools, Colleges and Universities will be capable of providing this self-guided tour as an integral part of their curriculums on all levels of scientific studies. Non-profit organizations as well as private business will also be encouraged to take advantage of this interpretive and educational opportunity by providing guided services to customers.

**18. How is this project in the best public interest?** [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities?**

The rural communities along the Byway and Cow Creek will benefit economically due to the increased traffic flow of visitors to the area due to the national marketing of Back Country Byways and of the ever-growing trend for the public to explore their own "backyards" through the use of driving tours and Back Country Byways. The schools in the communities will equally benefit with the ease of proximity of the Byway and its educational opportunities for their students.

**19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?**

Through the use of interpretive signage and brochures the public will learn to identify special sites in the forests surrounding their homes and communities. They will learn what it takes to protect and manage these precious lands and how they can assist in the process. We believe through this project thousands of people will be introduced to a new sense of steward-ship of their public lands.

**20. Status of Project Planning**

a. NEPA Complete:	Yes	<b>X</b> No (Probable CE only)
b. If No, give est. date of completion: <u>09/30/03</u>		
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>X</b> No
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>X</b> No
e. Survey & Manage Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>X</b> No
f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>X</b> No
g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>X</b> No
h. SHPO* Concurrence Received:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>X</b> No
i. Project Design(s) Completed:	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>More than ½ completed</b>

**21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment**

**X** Contract

**X** Federal Workforce

☒ County Workforce

☒ Volunteers

Other (specify):

**22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials?** ( Sec. 204(e)(3))

☐ Yes ☒ **No (Recreational Use)**

**23. Anticipated Project Costs** [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: **\$ 69,000**

b. Is this a multi-year funding request? ☒ **Yes** ☐ No If yes, then display by fiscal year

c. FY02 Request: **\$ 34,500** f. FY05 Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

d. FY03 Request: **\$ 34,500** g. FY06 Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

e. FY04 Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys	\$ 2,500.			\$2,500.
25. NEPA & Sec.7		\$ 2,500.		\$2,500.
26. Permit Acquisition		\$ 300.		\$ 300.
27. Project Design & Engineering	\$ 2,500.	\$ 5,000.		\$ 7,500.
28. Contract Preparation	\$ 500.	\$ 500.		\$ 1,000.
29. Contract Administration	\$ 2,000.	\$ 2,000.		\$ 4,000.
30. Contract Cost		\$35,700.		\$ 35,700.
31. Workforce Cost		\$ 3,000.		\$ 3,000.
32. Materials & Supplies		\$13,500.		\$ 13,500.
33. Monitoring		\$ 2,500.		\$ 2,500.
34. Other				
35. Project Subtotal	\$ 7,500.	\$ 65,000.		\$ 72,500.
36. Indirect Costs		\$ 4,000.		\$ 4,000.
37. Total Cost Estimate	<b>\$ 7,500.</b>	<b>\$ 69,000.</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 76,500.</b>

**38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)] None**

Currently partnerships have been formed and the contributions from these partners towards the project have yet to be confirmed.

**39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203(b)(6))**

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

The project will be measured through: 1) The successful construction and installation of three interpretive panels, one Kiosk and the construction of the associated vehicular road-side turn-outs. 2) The number of interpretive brochures created and distributed annually. 3) The increase in the number of visitors to the Byway as physically counted through the use of electronic traffic counters.

Both the Roseburg District and the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management will work with the communities surrounding the Cow Creek Byway to assure monitoring is taking place.

- b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

The Bureau of Land Management will again work with the communities to monitor economic and other beneficial changes due to the project. One on one interviews will take place with small businesses and the public school systems to ascertain whether the project has been a positive influence towards increased tourism, local job production, and assisting teachers to implement their natural resource/scientific classroom curriculums. A annual evaluation of the results of this project will be included in the recreation report of the Glendale Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management and an additional evaluation report will be submitted to the Resource Advisory Committee.

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Not Applicable.

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**

**Amount:** \$ 2,500.00 will be needed to carry out the annual interviewing process of the residents in the communities along the Byway.